

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 384

By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Nikol Erin Hall on the occasion of her graduation from the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Nikol Erin Hall is one such exceptional student who will be graduating from the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University on May 9, 2009; and

WHEREAS, through a regimen of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Hall has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest medical students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, throughout her college career, Nikol Hall embodied the qualities of an exceptional student, having maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.82 as an undergraduate Biochemistry, Cellular, and Molecular Biology major at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, while participating in numerous scholastic and service organizations, including the University of Tennessee Honors Program, the Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society, the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, the Golden Key Honor Society, the National Honor Society, and serving as a volunteer for TeamVOLS, an African American Achiever Mentor, an Honors Program Mentor, and a member of Minority Enhancement for the University of Tennessee (ME4UT); and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hall was recognized many times for her academic achievements as an undergraduate, earning the University of Tennessee African American Achievers Scholarship, the University of Tennessee Trustees Scholarship, an African American Challenge Grant, and the Barbara Marable Scholarship; she also made the Dean's List each semester and graduated Summa Cum Laude in May of 2005; and

WHEREAS, an integral member of the global community and a valuable resource, Nikol Hall participated in several research projects during the summer of 2006 that involved Endocrinology Research at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, deepening her knowledge and understanding in the field of medicine; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hall attended Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, graduating with honors from Hume-Fogg Academic High School with a 4.0 grade point average in 2001; she was an active member of the National Honor Society, the National Classical League, the National Latin Honor Society, and the Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Society, and also demonstrated considerable athletic ability as a member of the volleyball, softball, and track and field teams; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her rigorous academic schedule and extracurricular activities, Nikol Hall has consistently demonstrated her strong faith in God, returning each year of her undergraduate and medical studies to serve at the Buena Vista Church of Christ in Nashville, where she is a faithful and dedicated member; she has worked diligently as a youth planner and a mentor for college preparation to teens and their parents throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hall's noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for her loving family, including her parents, Edward and Jacqueline Hall; her siblings, Keith Hall and his wife Lawanda, and Bryant Hall and his wife Chaitra; as well as her niece, Shakayla Hall, and her nephews, Keith Hall, Jr., and Bryant Hall, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Nikol Hall's display of intellectual aptitude, ambition, and faith surely bodes well for her future success in the practice of medicine; and

WHEREAS, her impressive academic achievements, dedication to excellence, and commitment to public service provide a positive example to her peers, and Ms. Hall is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and honor Ms. Nikol Erin Hall on the occasion of her graduation from the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University, commend her for her positive contributions to society, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future as a physician.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.